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INFLAMMATION OR DAMAGE WITH HEPATOCYTE GROWTH FACTOR**

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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 26, 2004 ("Final Office Action") and further to the interview conducted with Examiner Borin and Supervisor Woodward on October 15, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this application in view of the following Remarks and the Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 filed concurrently herewith, which removes three of the four references relied upon in the outstanding 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection and places the application in clear condition for allowance or, in the alternative, in better form for appeal.

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